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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 1-61 without prejudice and replace by the following new claims:

62. A prosthesis comprising a composite material, said composite material comprising an inorganic filler material and a fibrous polymeric material, said fibrous polymeric material comprising oriented polymeric fibers and having

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